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THE ECLIPSE HAS  
SPLIT ME FROM  
BRUCE GORDON'S BODY--  
BUT IF I DON'T STOP  
THAT PANTHER, WE'LL  
**BOTH DIE!**

Featuring  
**ECLIPSO--**  
HERO AND VILLAIN  
IN ONE MAN... in  
**'BRUCE GORDON,  
ECLIPSO'S ALLY!'**



# SALUTE to COURAGE



"HE RISKED HIS LIFE FOR OTHERS. HE SWAM THREE MILES IN DANGEROUS WATERS TO BRING ONE OF HIS INJURED MEN TO SHORE."



"AND HE WAS JUST AS BRAVE ABOUT PAIN. EVEN WHEN HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL WITH A SERIOUS BACK OPERATION, HE WAS THINKING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE. THAT'S WHEN HE WROTE A BOOK THAT WON A PULITZER PRIZE..."



BETTY, HOW ABOUT YOU?

I THINK HE WAS A BRAVE MAN, TOO. AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING -- HE WASN'T A BULLY. I LIKE THE WAY HE SAID: "LET US NEVER NEGOTIATE OUT OF FEAR, BUT LET US NEVER FEAR TO NEGOTIATE."



WE SHOULD ALSO REMEMBER HIS SPECIAL COURAGE IN HIS CONVICTIONS. AS PRESIDENT, HE INSPIRED MANY YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO JOIN THE PEACE CORPS TO HELP PEOPLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND STANDARD OF LIVING.



"AND THAT FITS RIGHT IN WITH THE QUOTATION ON THE KENNEDY STAMP: 'AND THE GLOW FROM THAT FIRE CAN TRULY LIGHT THE WORLD.'"



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# MARK MERLIN

## SLEUTH OF THE SUPERNATURAL



MEN HAVE ETERNALLY WONDERED ABOUT THE UNKNOWN WORLD BEYOND THE NORMAL--HAVE LONG QUESTED FOR THE FANTASTIC POWERS THAT LIE OUTSIDE NATURAL THINGS! HARLAN FAWKES WAS SUCH A MAN WHO SOUGHT TO CROSS BETWEEN THE TWO WORLDS-- BUT HE FOUND THE POWERS HE UNLEASHED WOULD BE SERVANTS TO NO MERE MORTAL! FOR NO HUMAN COULD CONTROL...

### THE DEMONS FROM THE DOORWAY OF DOOM

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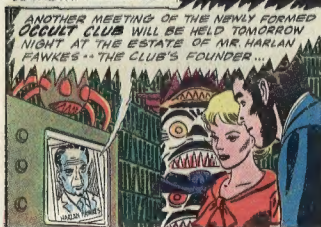
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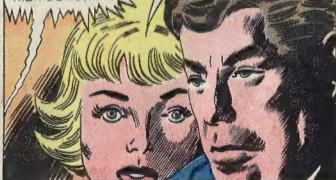
IN THE MANSION ON **MYSTERY HILL**, **MARK MERLIN**, EXPERT ON THE SUPERNATURAL, SPENDS A QUIET EVENING WITH **ELSA**, HIS SECRETARY-FIANCÉE...



ANOTHER MEETING OF THE NEWLY FORMED **OCCULT CLUB** WILL BE HELD TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE ESTATE OF MR. HARLAN FAWKES--THE CLUB'S FOUNDER...

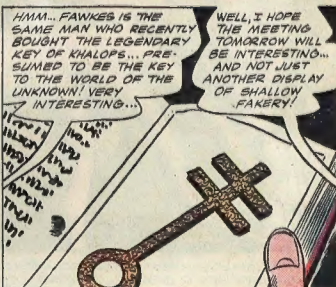
ANYONE WHO CAN DEMONSTRATE A REAL MASTERY OF SUPERNATURAL POWERS CAN BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP...

THE **OCCULT CLUB**? MARK--THAT'S WHERE I'M GOING TOMORROW NIGHT WITH HENRY MASON, THE COLUMNIST! HE'S BEEN INVITED AS AN OBSERVER!



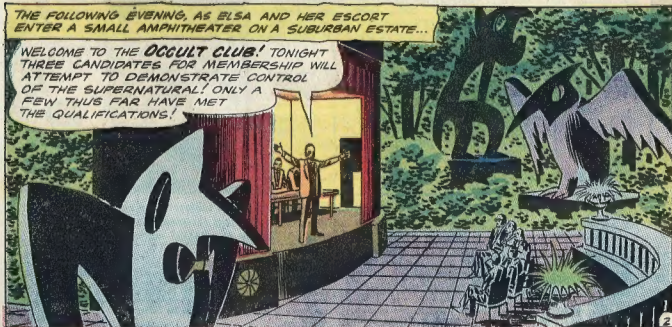
I'M SURPRISED FAWKES HASN'T INVITED **YOU** TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP, DARLING...WITH YOUR GREAT REPUTATION....!

PERHAPS, **ELSA**, AS MY OLD FOE DOCTOR 7 SAYS, I'M JUST A POOR DABBLER IN THE BLACK ARTS! HA, HA, HA!



HMM... FAWKES IS THE SAME MAN WHO RECENTLY BOUGHT THE LEGENDARY KEY OF KHALOPS... PRESUMED TO BE THE KEY TO THE WORLD OF THE UNKNOWN! VERY INTERESTING...

WELL, I HOPE THE MEETING TOMORROW WILL BE INTERESTING... AND NOT JUST ANOTHER DISPLAY OF SHALLOW FAKERY!



THE FOLLOWING EVENING, AS **ELSA** AND HER ESCORT ENTER A SMALL AMPHITHEATER ON A SUBURBAN ESTATE...

WELCOME TO THE **OCCULT CLUB**! TONIGHT THREE CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP WILL ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE CONTROL OF THE SUPERNATURAL! ONLY A FEW THUS FAR HAVE MET THE QUALIFICATIONS!





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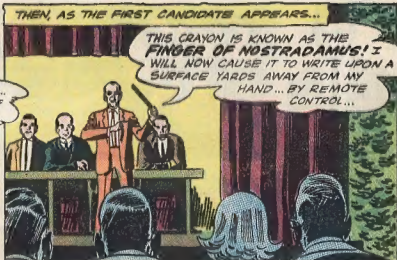
THE OCCULT CLUB IS FOR SERIOUS EXPERTS OF THE SUPERNATURAL! IF THEY USE ANY TRICKERY OR FAKERY-- MY COLLEAGUES AND I WILL SPOT IT INSTANTLY AND DISQUALIFY THEM!

HARLAN FAWKES... HE'S VERY GENUINE AND IMPRESSIVE!



THEN, AS THE FIRST CANDIDATE APPEARS...

THIS CRAYON IS KNOWN AS THE FINGER OF NOSTRADAMUS! I WILL NOW CAUSE IT TO WRITE UPON A SURFACE YARDS AWAY FROM MY HAND... BY REMOTE CONTROL...



AND AS THE CRAYON LEAPS AWAY FROM THE MAN'S GRASP TOWARD A NEARBY STONE STATUE...

WONDERFUL!

HMPH-- IT MAY BE A FAKE!



HMM-- NO CHEMICALS ON THE STONE TO CAUSE PREVIOUSLY PLANTED WRITING TO APPEAR!

AND NO WIRES OR SPRINGS CONTROLLING THE CRAYON! AN EXCELLENT DISPLAY OF SUPERNATURAL MASTERY! THE CANDIDATE IS... ACCEPTED!

I HOPE THIS GETS ME ACCEPTED



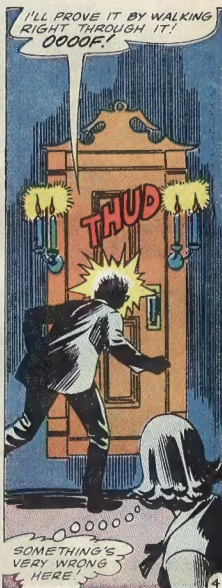
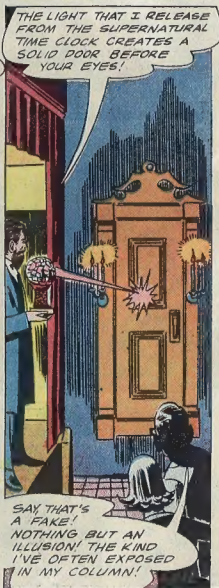
A SECOND CANDIDATE COMES OUT AND...

BY MY GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF THE OCCULT, I'LL BREAK THESE GLOBES WITHOUT TOUCHING THEM!





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THE NEXT MOMENT...

BEST TO **OPEN** DOORS  
BEFORE YOU WALK  
THROUGH THEM,  
MR. MASON--  
ESPECIALLY WHEN  
THEY'RE **REAL!**  
PROFESSOR CALZANI  
IS... **ACCEPTED!**

I'VE GOT TO GET  
BACK TO MYSTERY  
HILL... AT ONCE!

QUICKLY, THE WORRIED GIRL RETURNS  
TO MARK'S MANSION...

MARK --  
HE'S NOT HERE!  
THAT PRISM CLOCK  
BELONGS TO HIM!  
I MUST LOOK IN THE  
CHEST WHERE  
MARK ALWAYS KEEPS  
IT!

**BUT AS MARK'S BEAUTIFUL  
SECRETARY OPENS THE CHEST...**

IT'S GONE--!  
CALZANI--HE  
STOLE IT.

IS THIS THE  
THING YOU  
ARE LOOKING  
FOR,  
SIGNORINA?

**CALZANI! GIVE ME THAT CLOCK, YOU THIEF!**

AS THE PLUCKY ELSA GRAPPLES WITH THE INTRUDER...

SO YOU'VE RETURNED  
TO STEAL MORE OF  
MARK'S PRICELESS  
COLLECTION! I'LL  
STOP YOU!

AHA, SIGNORINA--  
 YOU DARE DEFY  
 CALZANI? YOUR  
 DOOM IS SEALED!

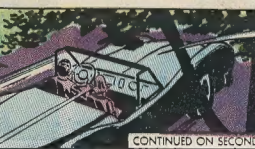
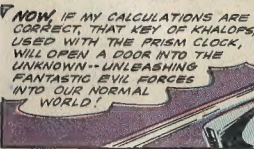
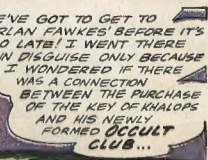
... WITH  
A KISS!

MARK!  
YOU?  
YOU'RE  
CALZANI!

**KLUNK**



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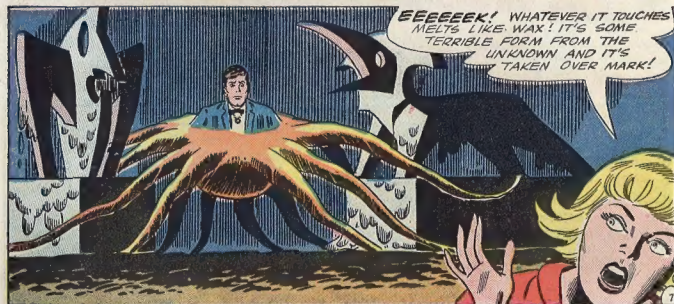
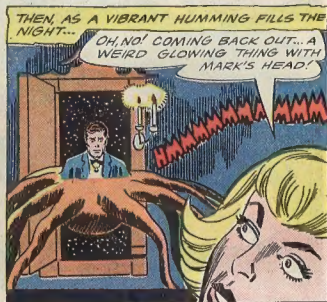
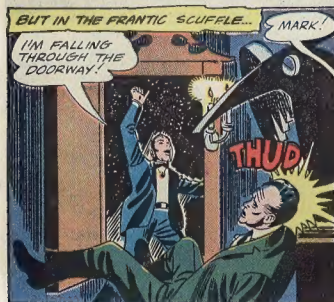
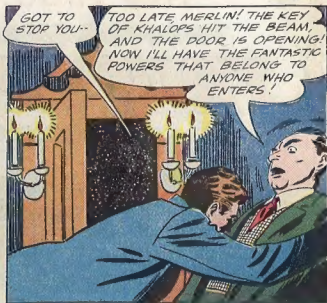
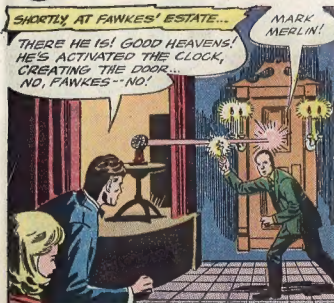


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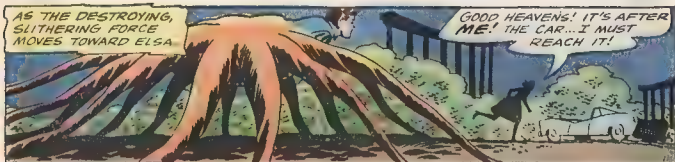
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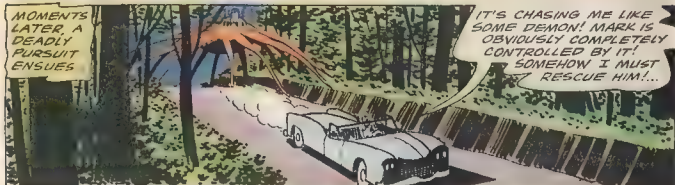


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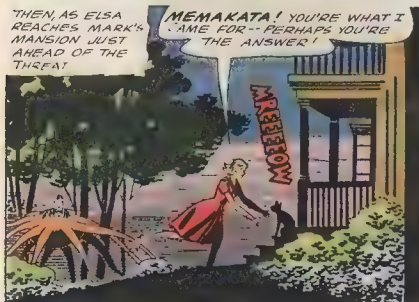
AS THE DESTROYING, SLITHERING FORCE MOVES TOWARD ELSA

GOOD HEAVENS! IT'S AFTER ME! THE CAR...I MUST REACH IT!



MOMENTS LATER, A DEADLY PURSUIT ENSUES

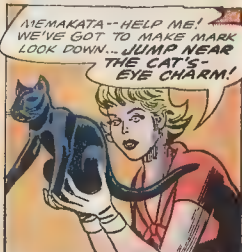
IT'S CHASING ME LIKE SOME DEMON! MARK IS OBVIOUSLY COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY IT! SOMEHOW I MUST RESCUE HIM!...



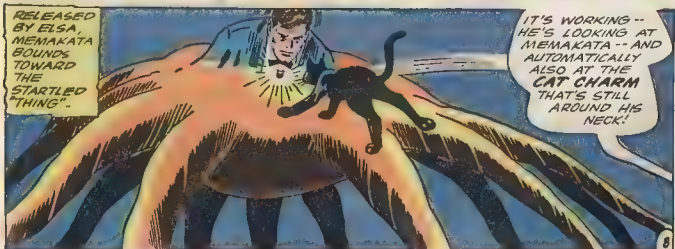
THEN, AS ELSA REACHES MARK'S MANSION JUST AHEAD OF THE THREAT

MEMAKATA! YOU'RE WHAT I AME FOR-- PERHAPS YOU'RE THE ANSWER!

SNATCHING UP MARK'S FAMOUS PET, ELSA BRAVELY TURNS AND FACES THE ONRUSHING MENACE.



MEMAKATA--HELP ME! WE'VE GOT TO MAKE MARK LOOK DOWN...**JUMP NEAR THE CAT'S EYE CHARM!**



RELEASED BY ELSA, MEMAKATA BOUNDS TOWARD THE STARTLED "THING"

IT'S WORKING-- HE'S LOOKING AT MEMAKATA--AND AUTOMATICALLY ALSO AT THE CAT CHARM THAT'S STILL AROUND HIS NECK!



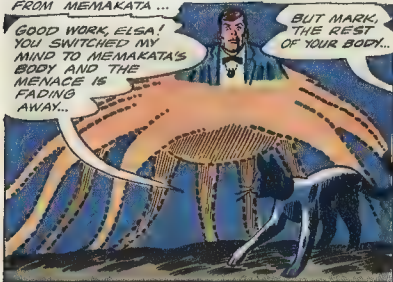
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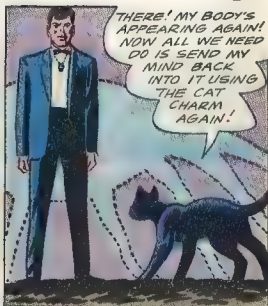
THE NEXT INSTANT, A FAMILIAR VOICE COMES FROM MEMAKATA...

GOOD WORK, ELSA! YOU SWITCHED MY MIND TO MEMAKATA'S BODY AND THE MENACE IS FADING AWAY...

BUT MARK, THE REST OF YOUR BODY...



THERE! MY BODY'S APPEARING AGAIN! NOW ALL WE NEED DO IS SEND MY MIND BACK INTO IT USING THE CAT CHARM AGAIN!



ONCE MORE THE AMAZING TRANSFERENCE OCCURS, AND...

THAT WAS REAL SMART THINKING, DARLING! TAKING MY CAPTIVE MIND OUT OF THAT DEMONIC FORCE EVIDENTLY ROBBED IT OF WHAT IT NEEDED TO EXIST AND MOVE ON THIS SIDE OF THE UNKNOWN! WE'D BETTER GET BACK AND CHECK ON FAWKES...



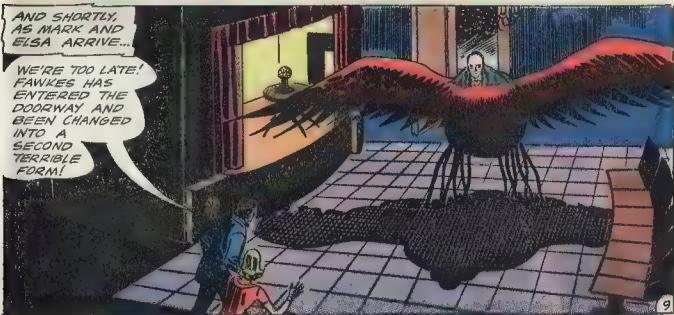
AT THIS CRUCIAL MOMENT, AT HARLAN FAWKES' ESTATE, ITS OWNER STIRS AND...

MERLIN'S GONE! GOOD! THE OPEN DOOR IS STILL THERE... WAITING FOR ME TO ENTER AND GAIN THE POWERS THEY CONFER!



AND SHORTLY, AS MARK AND ELSA ARRIVE...

WE'RE TOO LATE! FAWKES HAS ENTERED THE DOORWAY AND BEEN CHANGED INTO A SECOND TERRIBLE FORM!





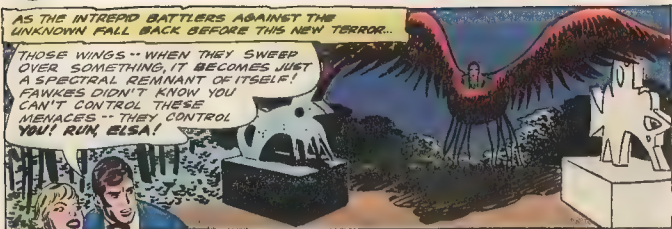


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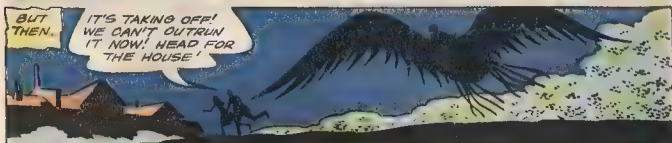
AS THE INTREPID BATTLERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN FALL BACK BEFORE THIS NEW TERROR...

THOSE WINGS-- WHEN THEY SWEEP OVER SOMETHING, IT BECOMES JUST A SPECTRAL REMNANT OF ITSELF! FAWKES DIDN'T KNOW YOU CAN'T CONTROL THESE MENACES-- THEY CONTROL YOU! RUN, ELSA!



BUT THEN...

IT'S TAKING OFF! WE CAN'T OUTRUN IT NOW! HEAD FOR THE HOUSE!



SCANT MOMENTS AHEAD OF THE FLAPPING FURY, MARK AND ELSA REACH FAWKES' HOME...

IT'S CHANGED THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE TO A SPECTRAL FORM AND IS COMING RIGHT THROUGH IT AFTER US!

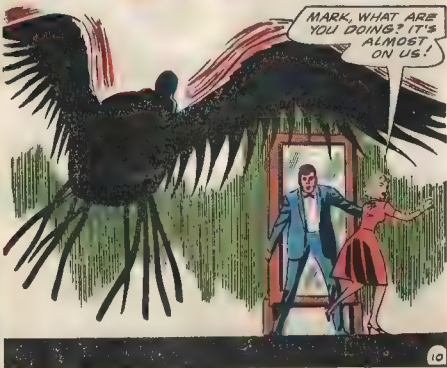


FROM ROOM TO ROOM, THE HARRIED PAIR RETREATS...

THIS MIRROR... HMMM...

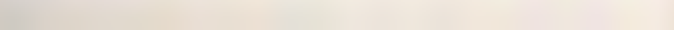
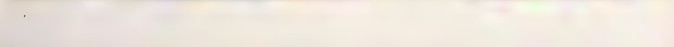
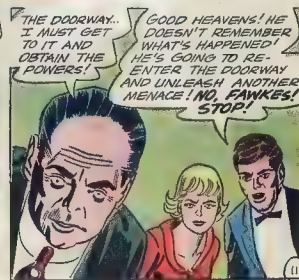
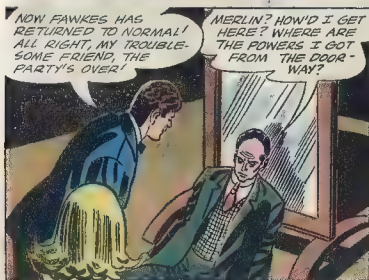
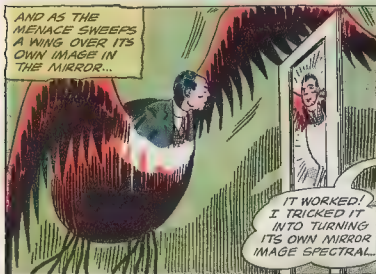
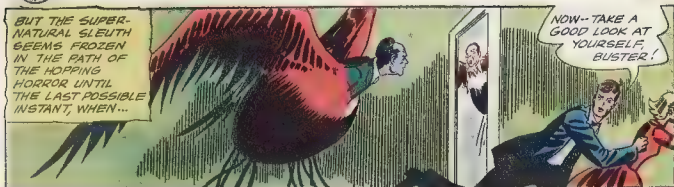


MARK, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? IT'S ALMOST ON US!





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BUT BEFORE MARK CAN CATCH THE OBSESSED MAN...

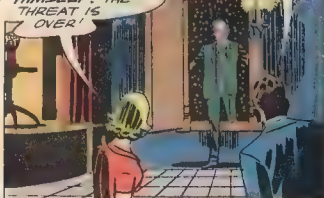
WE'RE TOO LATE AGAIN! BUT MARK -- MAYBE NOTHING WILL HAPPEN THIS TIME!

DON'T BET ON IT, ELSA! THE LEGEND OF THAT DOORWAY SAYS **THREE** DEMONS WAIT TO BE UNLEASHED THROUGH THEM -- AND WE'VE ONLY HAD **TWO**!

BUT THEN, AS THEY WAIT IN TENSE EXPECTANCY...

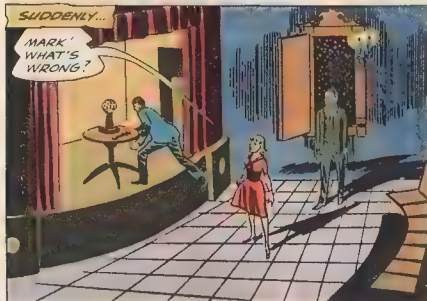
MARLAN FAWKES IS COMING OUT -- NO -- AS SOME MENACE BUT AS... HIMSELF! THE THREAT IS OVER!

HMMM! IT DOES APPEAR THAT WAY!



SUDDENLY...

'MARK' WHAT'S WRONG?

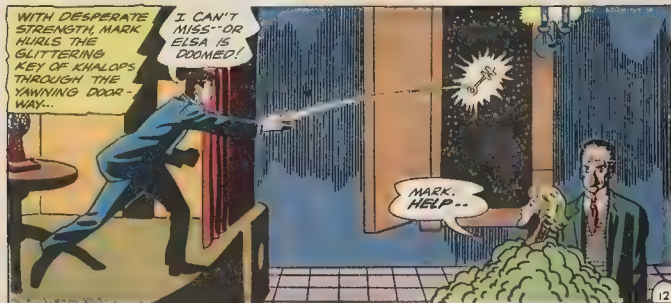


THERE'S NO DANGER NOW-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING? UUUH... FEEL SO QUEER!

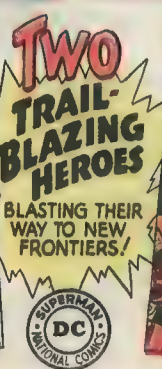
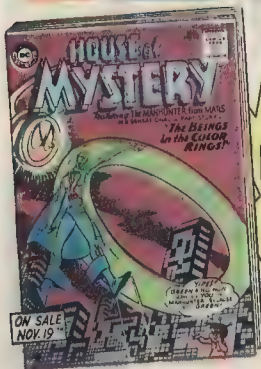
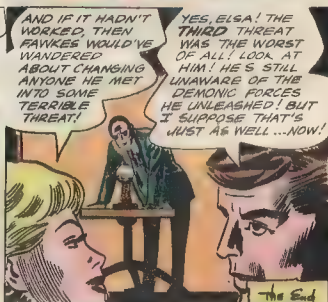
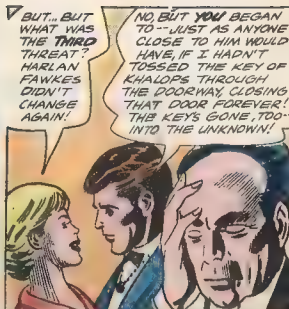
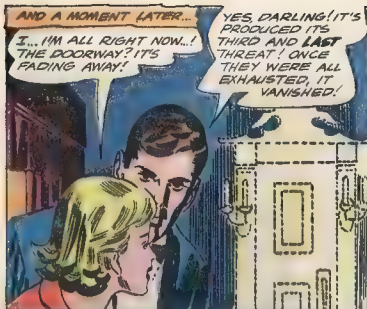


WITH DESPERATE STRENGTH, MARK HURLS THE GLITTERING KEY OF KHALOPS THROUGH THE YAWNING DOORWAY...

I CAN'T MISS--OR ELSA IS DOOMED!



MARK, HELP--



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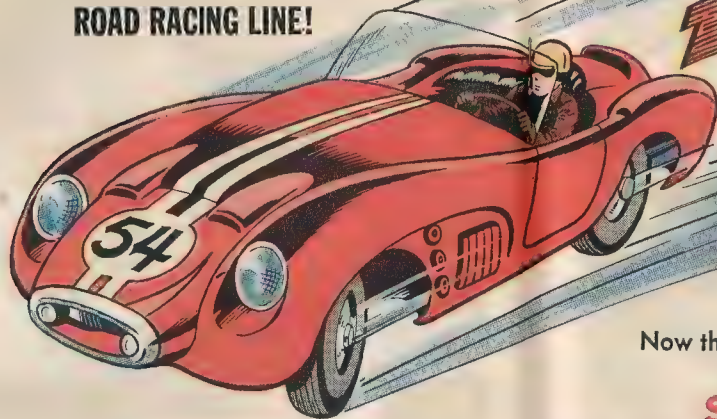
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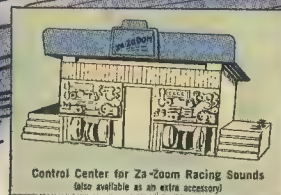


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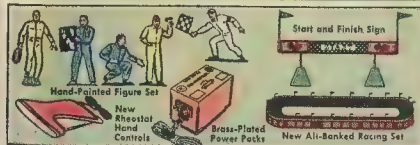
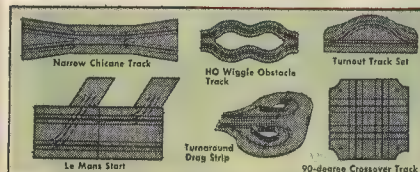
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# BRUCE GORDON, ECLIPSO'S ALLY!





# HOUSE OF SECRETS



AT A  
DAZZLING  
BANQUET IN  
THE CAPITAL  
OF A SOUTH  
AMERICAN  
COUNTRY,  
THE  
PRESIDENT  
INTRODUCES A  
DISTINGUISHED  
GUEST...



SEÑORAS Y SEÑORES! I PRESENT OUR  
AMERICAN FRIEND, WHO WILL PLAN THE  
ATOMIC POWER PLANT FOR OUR COUNTRY--  
THE BRILLIANT SCIENTIST,  
DR. BRUCE GORDON!



MUCHAS GRACIAS,  
SEÑOR PRESIDENTE!  
THANK YOU. ! I..

GREAT  
GUNS!?



SUDDENLY

CARAMBA! HE  
SEIZED THAT CANDLE-  
STICK AND TOSSED  
IT AWAY!

HE IS LOCO!



BUT AS THE CANDLE BRUCE  
HAG HURLED SMASHES  
THROUGH THE WINDOW AND  
OUT INTO AN EMPTY COURT-  
YARD...



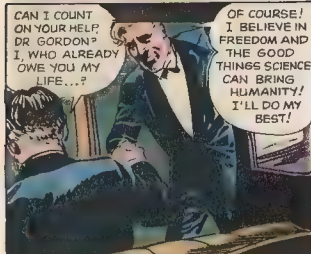
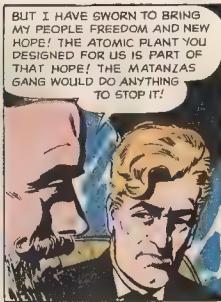
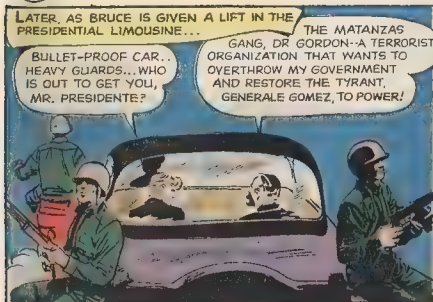
FANTASTICO!  
I...WE ALL...WOULD  
HAVE BEEN KILLED! SENOR  
GORDON, WE OWE YOU OUR  
LIVES! WHAT QUICK THINKING!

A QUICK NOSE, SENOR  
PRESIDENTE! I SMELLED  
CORDITE--THAT CANDLE WICK  
WAS NOTHING BUT A "TIME FUSE"  
SET TO EXPLODE A DEADLY CHARGE  
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BANQUET!

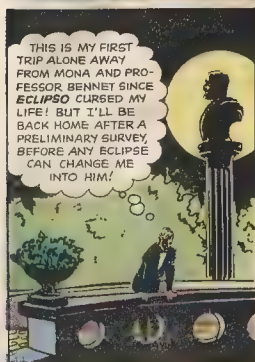
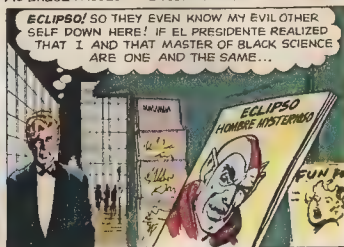




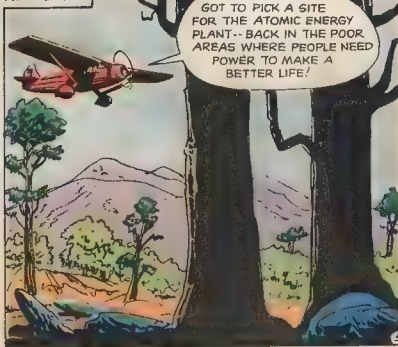
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AS BRUCE PASSES A NEWSSTAND NEAR HIS HOTEL...



NEXT DAY...

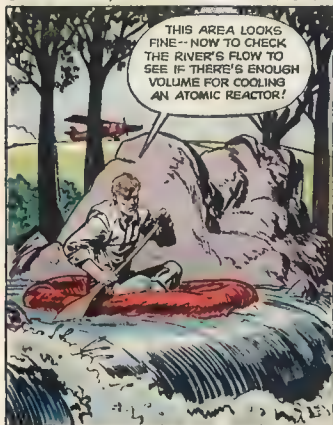




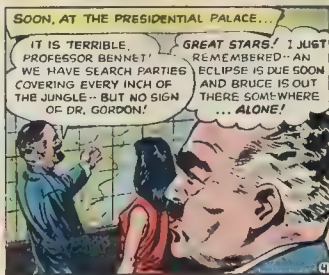
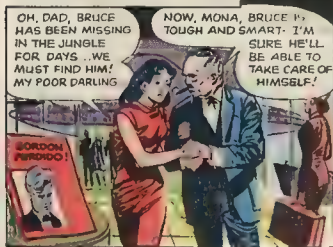
# HOUSE OF SECRETS



SHORTLY AFTER, BRUCE LANDS IN A CLEARING...



DAYS LATER, TWO PASSENGERS ALIGHT FROM A JET AT THE COUNTRY'S CAPITAL...





## HOUSE OF SECRETS



PROF. BENNETT WOULD REALLY WORRY IF HE COULD SEE BRUCE AT THIS MOMENT--A DAZED WANDERER WHO HAS LOST HIS MEMORY...

BEEN WALKING FOR DAYS...DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM...WHO I AM!



THEN, AS THE COSMIC FORCES OF THE UNIVERGE SEND THE MOON CARBENING IN SPACE ACROSS THE FACE OF THE SUN... HMM...

IT'S GETTING DARK... BUT IT'S JUST AN ECLIPSE... IT'LL SOON PASS...



AS THE ECLIPSE SENDS THE DIM JUNGLE INTO TEMPORARY NIGHT, A FIERCE PANTHER BEGINS TO STALK THE LONE MAN...

AIEEEE! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? THESE SENSATIONS. TEARING AT MY EVERY FIBRE!



AND THEN, AS THE ECLIPSE'S POWER SHAKES THE STAGGERING WANDERER LIKE A RAG DOLL...

UUUHHH!

ONCE AGAIN ECLIPSO EMERGES! HA, HA, HA!



THE NEXT INSTANT, AS THE PANTHER SPRINGS...

A PANTHER ATTACKING GORDON! IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HIM, IT WILL AFFECT ME! MY BLACKGEM.



ROOOWRRR!

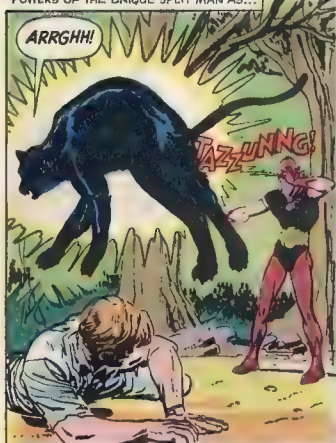




# HOUSE OF SECRETS



SINOW AND CLAW ARE NO MATCH FOR THE FABULOUS POWERS OF THE UNIQUE SPLIT MAN AS...



LUCKILY IT DIDN'T AFFECT ME! WHAT A CHANCE THIS IS... GORDON ALONE AND HELPLESS... UNAWARE I'M HIS OTHER SELF!



I'M LOST... BEEN WANDERING FOR DAYS! CAN YOU GUIDE ME BACK TO CIVILIZATION, MY FRIEND?

CERTAINLY, FRIEND!

BY KEEPING HIM UNDER MY THUMB, HE'LL HAVE NO CHANCE TO REGAIN HIS MEMORY AND SEND ME BACK INTO HIS BODY AGAIN! THIS TIME I'M FREE-- REALLY FREE! MARVELOUS!

AND SO, THE FANTASTIC, THE INCREDIBLE, THE UNEXPECTED HAS HAPPENED! BRUCE IS A HELPLESS DUPE OF HIS EVIL SPLIT IDENTITY, **ECLIPSO!**



THERE IS THE CAPITAL! I AM GOING TO JOIN THE MATANZAS-- A BAND OF PATRIOTS WHO ARE DEDICATED TO OVERTHROWING THE TYRANT PRESIDENT! WILL YOU JOIN ME?

IT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD CAUSE-- AND I HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO!

SHORTLY, AT A HIDEOUT IN THE CITY'S WATERFRONT...

ECLIPSO! MAGNIFICO! WE DID NOT KNOW YOU WERE BACK AGAIN IN THIS COUNTRY! NOW SURELY WE WILL TRIUMPH! BUT WHO IS THIS HOMBRE WITH YOU?

HE'S A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE --IN FACT, WE'RE HARDLY EVER SEPARATED! HA, HA!



THE PLOTTERS MAP THEIR STRATEGY, AND LATER...

ECLIPSO... WHY ARE WE PLANNING TO BLOW UP THIS NEW RAILROAD LINE INTO THE BUSH COUNTRY? WILL THAT HELP THE PEOPLE?

YES, MY FRIEND, BECAUSE EL PRESIDENTE, THE TYRANT, WILL USE IT TO SEND TROOPS TO OPPRESS THE PEOPLE THERE!



YOU... YOU MUST BE RIGHT! AFTER ALL, YOU'RE MY FRIEND... YOU SAVED MY LIFE! IF ONLY I COULD REMEMBER WHO I REALLY AM!

DON'T WORRY, FRIEND, YOUR MEMORY WILL RETURN... SOMEDAY!

AND THAT'LL BE AN EVEN BIGGER SHOCK THAN LOSING IT! HA, HA, HA!

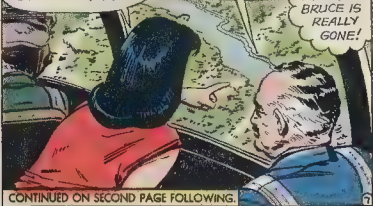


MEANTIME, AS A SEARCH PLANE SCOURS THE WILD JUNGLE COUNTRY...

OH, DAD, THIS IS THE AREA WHERE BRUCE WAS LAST REPORTED AND ALL WE'VE FOUND IS HIS ABANDONED PLANE! HE'S GONE... LOST FOREVER!

NOW, NOW, MONA-- I'M SURE HE'LL COME THROUGH!

NO ONE COULD SURVIVE IN THAT JUNGLE THIS LONG-- BRUCE IS REALLY GONE!



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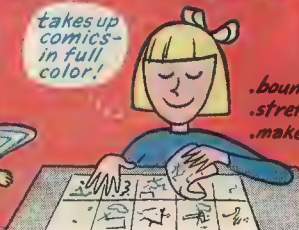
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WHEN MONA AND THE PROFESSOR REACH THE CAPITAL AGAIN...

MONA, LOOK! THE POLICE HAVE LEARNED THAT ECLIPSO HAS JOINED THE MATANZAS GANG! THE ECLIPSE--IT MUST HAVE SPLIT HIM OFF FROM BRUCE!

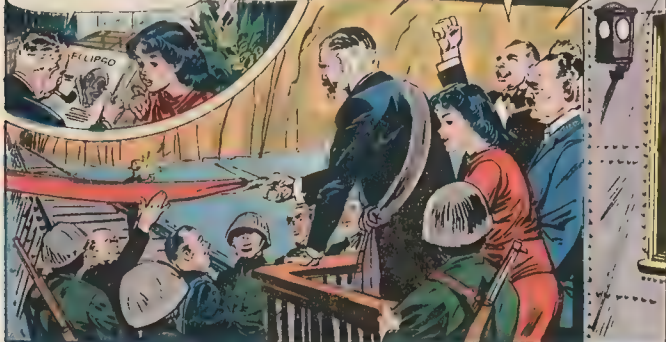
THANK HEAVENS! THAT MEANS BRUCE MUST BE ALIVE... SOMEWHERE!

NEXT DAY

I HEREBY DEDICATE THIS BRIDGE COMPLETING THE RAILROAD LINE BETWEEN THE CAPITAL AND THE JUNGLE SETTLEMENTS!

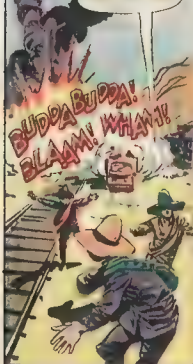
VIVA!

VIVA EL PRESIDENTE!



AT THIS MOMENT, AT A VILLAGE FARTHER DOWN THE RAIL LINE

CARAMBA! THE MATANZAS!



AND AT THE BRIDGE ITSELF

THE MATANZAS ATTACK A VILLAGE JUST BELOW! BUT MY TROOPS WILL SOON STOP THEM!

ECLIPSO! HE MUST BE LEADING THEM! I'VE GOT TO GET THERE AND TAKE A HAND!



BUT SUDDENLY...

MORE MATANZAS--ATTACKING HERE! SOLDIERS! FIRE!

GREAT BLAZES! IT'S ECLIPSO! THE OTHER ATTACK MUST BE JUST A DIVERSION!





## HOUSE OF SECRETS



AS THE GOVERNMENT TROOPS UNLEASH A HAIL OF FIRE...

THOSE TROOPS AIM TOO WELL-- I'LL JUST MAKE IT HARDER FOR THEM!



THE NEXT MOMENT, FROM THE DARK GEM HELD TO THE ECLIPSED EYE OF ECLIPSO, A CONE OF BLACK LIGHT FLOODS THE BRIDGE'S OTHER END.



NOW THE ARCH-MASTER OF EVIL UTILIZES ANOTHER OF HIS AMAZING POWERS...

HE'S MAKING THE CAR LEVITATE... RISE IN THE AIR! JUMP!



AS THE TRIO LEAPS FROM THE RISING TRAIN JUST IN TIME...



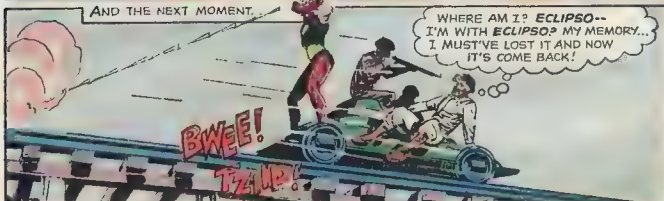
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AS MONA'S FAKED FEINT DEFLECTS THE SOLDIER'S AIM, THE BULLET CREASES BRUCE'S SKULL...



QUICKLY SENSING THE SITUATION, BRUCE SEIZES THE CAR'S CONTROL, AND...







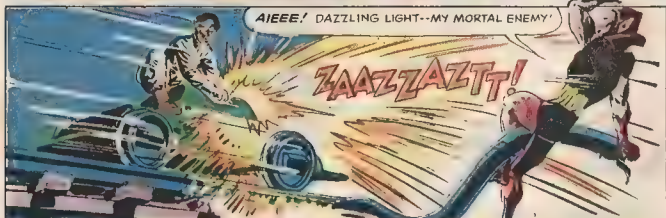
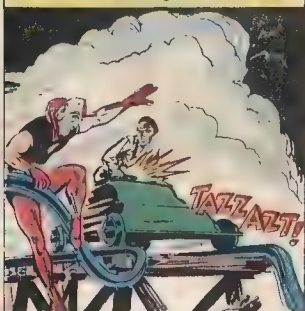
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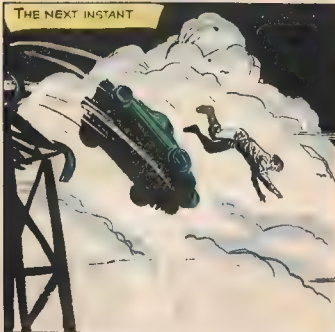
AS BRUCE REVERSES THE DIRECTION OF THE CAR, SENDING IT ROCKETING AFTER HIS NEMESIS



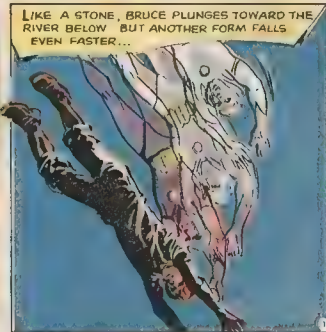
AS THE CAR REACHES THE CUT OFF END OF THE BRIDGE, BRUCE TOUCHES THE LOOSE BATTERY WIRE TO THE OTHER TERMINAL



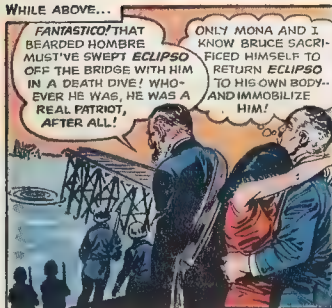
THE NEXT INSTANT



LIKE A STONE, BRUCE PLUNGES TOWARD THE RIVER BELOW BUT ANOTHER FORM FALLS EVEN FASTER...



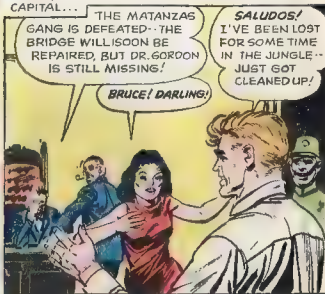
WHILE ABOVE...



FANTASTIC! THAT BEARDED HOMBRE MUST'VE SWEEP ECLIPSO OFF THE BRIDGE WITH HIM IN A DEATH DIVE! WHO-EVER HE WAS, HE WAS A REAL PATRIOT, AFTER ALL!

ONLY MONA AND I KNOW BRUCE SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO RETURN ECLIPSO TO HIS OWN BODY--AND IMMOBILIZE HIM!

LATER, AS THE PARTY SADLY RETURNS TO THE CAPITAL...



THE MATANZAS GANG IS DEFEATED--THE BRIDGE WILL SOON BE REPAIRED, BUT DR. GORDON IS STILL MISSING!

BRUCE! DARLING!

SALUDOS! I'VE BEEN LOST FOR SOME TIME IN THE JUNGLE--JUST GOT CLEANED UP!

LATER, WHEN BRUCE, MONA, AND THE PROFESSOR ARE ALONE...



SO YOU MANAGED TO SURVIVE THAT BRIDGE DIVE AND SECRETLY RESUMED YOUR REAL IDENTITY! THAT'S AS AMAZING AS THE AMNESIA EXPERIENCE YOU HAD!

YES, AND I'D STILL BE ECLIPSO'S HELPLESS ALLY IF NOT FOR MONA! THAT BULLET GREASE RETURNED MY SENSES JUST IN TIME! THANKS, DARLING!

SHORTLY AFTER...



ADIOS, DR. GORDON! I'M GLAD WE HAVEN'T LOST YOU--AS WE DID THE BRAVE BEARDED HOMBRE WHO DEFEATED ECLIPSO!

I'LL BE BACK SOON TO COMPLETE OUR ATOMIC PROJECT, MR. PRESIDENT!

AND WITHOUT ECLIPSO, I HOPE!

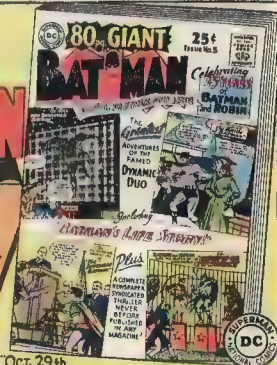
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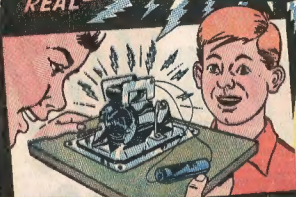


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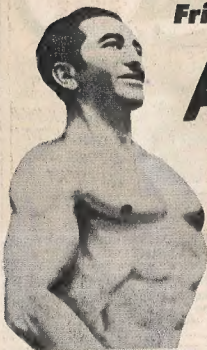
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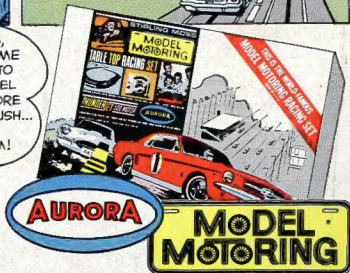
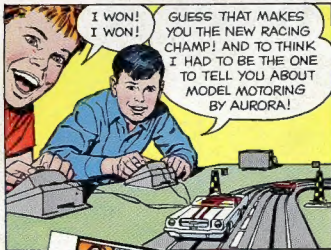
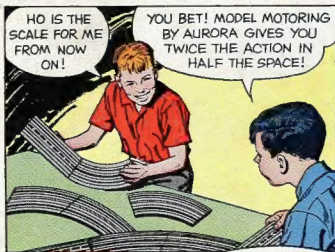
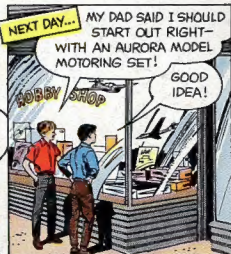


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